Application No: 09/774,450 Docket No.: Q109-US1

Rule 312 Amendment dated May 5, 2003

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph page 1, beginning at line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The invention includes a brazed ceramic ring that separates the positive and negative ends of the battery while still providing a leak-tight seal. The ceramic is aluminum oxide or zirconium oxide or zirconium oxide with 3% yttrium. The invention includes a brazing material, which is grater than 50% gold. The invention includes a titanium alloy case (Ti-6Al-4V) which is titanium with 6% aluminum and 4% vanadium as its major alloying elements. The case has the desirable properties of titanium such as high strength for a relatively low weight; and the case has the requisite ability and electro-activity to be used as a positive current carrying element where the battery's positive electrode exhibits more then 3.5 V vs. Li/Li⁺.--

Please replace the paragraph page 7, beginning at line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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